

TX on being chosen as one of the 87 new members of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE).

The NAE is a highly elite and notable institution that provides advice and input to the federal government in the fields of technology, engineering and overall quality of life. Members include individuals who have made revolutionary contributions to the engineering field. It is one of the highest professional honors an engineer can receive—there are only 2,300 members out of the two million engineers and computer scientists in America's workforce.

Mr. Frantz is a Professor at Rice University, my alma mater. He also co-founded Octavo Systems, a systems-in-package company where he serves as Vice President. Frantz gained recognition by his work in developing digital signal microprocessors. Frantz is a graduate of the University of Central Florida and Southern Methodist University.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Gene Frantz on this lifetime accomplishment. He has made TX-22 very proud.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING PAUL OSTERMAN

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Paul Osterman of Savannah, Georgia, who passed away at the age of 58.

Paul was born in Utica, New York, and earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music. He earned a degree in computer science from SUNY IT, Utica, as well.

After school, he went on to work for General Electric, Utica, and the United States Air Force Research Lab.

Music was the epicenter of Paul's life starting from a young age when he took his first music lessons.

He brought joy, inspiration, and peace to everyone he performed for with his exceptional gift in playing the piano and organ.

Paul was extremely dedicated to local and professional theatre groups, and even worked briefly in New York City where he worked with renowned musicians like Gene Simmons.

He was also dedicated to serving the church as an organist for both the United Methodist Church in New Hartford, New York, and Wesley Oaks Methodist Church in Savannah.

Paul met his lovely wife, Jacquelin Jones, through theatre, and they ran the Hartford Players Youth Theatre in Utica for many years.

He was known for his encouragement of others, countless wry jokes, his love of crossword puzzles, and his optimistic view and love of life.

Paul was a family man and loved his family deeply. Although he is not with us any longer, his light will continue to shine.

IN CELEBRATION OF DEDE ABTS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a mother, friend and fellow Hoosier, Virginia "Dede" Abts, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on August 20, 2020.

After graduating from Indiana University in 1942 with a degree in Spanish, Dede became a cultural asset in my hometown community of Columbus, Indiana.

Dede is a true philanthropist and a pillar of the community. As the co-founder of Uncommon Cause, Dede inspires hope in others while supporting the Columbus Area Arts Council.

Columbus is a better place to live because of the work that Dede has done throughout her life. I am proud to join the Columbus community in recognizing Dede's accomplishments and I wish her many more healthy years.

Happy 100th Birthday, Dede.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING FREDERICK "FRED" WILLIAM KRAMER III

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Frederick, or Fred, William Kramer III of Georgia's First Congressional District, who passed away on June 26th.

Fred was a born and raised Savannahian who loved Coastal Georgia and spent as much time as he could on the water.

Because he was the son of a veteran, Fred cherished the opportunities he had to travel post-war Europe as a boy and live in Zargoza, Spain.

Fred turned down Ivy League colleges to attend the University of Georgia and become a Georgia Bulldog like his mother. After college, he received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia.

He often spoke of his time in Athens—including walking to the Varsity, living in the Joe Brown dorm, and the fun times he had in college and in law school. Fred started his law career in private practice and then moved to the Chatham County District Attorney's office. He joined the esteemed Department of Justice in 1980.

Fred was a leader in his practice of law, and trained many young attorneys in his role as senior litigation counsel. In recent years, he was a docent at the Mighty Eighth Air Force museum, and he deeply enjoyed educating the public about the experience of soldiers, the value of understanding history, and the value of a vote.

He lived a life deeply caring for others, and was generous in caring for orphans and widows—and he did it humbly.

Everyone who knew him will miss his sense of humor, eccentric ways, colorful stories, passion for learning, and encouragement.

He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will continue for countless years to come.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this most difficult time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CLAIRE SHULMAN

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Claire Shulman for her tireless work in leading the people of Queens.

Claire was the first woman to serve as the Queens Borough President. As borough president, she fought to champion a quality life for all people in Queens. Claire made sure we had access to good jobs, quality infrastructure, safe housing, and so much more. Her work had a tremendous impact on the lives of countless individuals and she continued to improve Queens beyond her capacity as the Borough President. Claire Shulman was nothing short of a trailblazer.

Not only was Claire impactful to Queens, she was an outstanding mentor and friend to me as well. She believed strongly in empowering women and fighting for our representation in public service and leadership—before it was popular to do so. Claire believed in me, and I am forever grateful for her encouragement and kindness.

I was fortunate to speak to Claire recently. The last thing she said to me was, "I want to thank you for your excellent work in Washington and tell you how proud I am of you." I cannot explain how touching it was to hear these words from an amazing woman like Claire, who fought for the lives of every one of my constituents. I hope we can all learn a lesson from the empathy and care she exhibited every day.

Claire was born in Brooklyn in 1926 and graduated from Adelphi University on Long Island. She worked as a registered nurse and met her husband, the late Dr. Melvin Shulman, at Queens Hospital Center. While living in Bayside in the 1960s, she led both Community Board 11 in Bayside and the Queens Community Boards. Claire passed away this week from pancreatic cancer, surrounded by her family.

Claire's leadership undoubtedly made Queens a better place. I urge my colleagues to rise with me to celebrate the life of Claire Shulman.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING TERRY DURRENCE

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of my friend, Mr. Terry Durrence, who passed away on August 2nd at the age of 65.

Terry and I graduated from the University of Georgia's College of Pharmacy together, and I was blessed to have him in my life.

After pharmacy school, he went on to work for Revco, CVS, and Candler Hospital pharmacies, where he always served others with a kind and selfless heart.

Terry took his heart for serving others outside of his work as a pharmacist, as well. He was an avid supporter of the Habersham YMCA where he volunteered as a lifeguard and was active in the Leadership Club.

One of his greatest passions was scuba diving, and he went to some of the most incredible diving locations.

I always loved hearing about his trips and discoveries.

Terry was a true Georgia Bulldog fan throughout the years, and I was glad to have him by my side to cheer on the Dawgs together.

He was also a member of the Georgia Pharmacy Association, and was a true leader in the pharmacy field.

His lovely wife, Susan, two amazing children, Alexander and Addison, are especially in my thoughts and prayers during this time as they grieve the loss of such a wonderful man.

IN MEMORY OF PAUL McEACHERN

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Paul McEachern, a Navy veteran, lawyer, and public servant who passed away this week at 82. A lifelong resident of Portsmouth, Paul will be remembered as a pillar of his community and a tireless fighter for social and economic justice.

Paul served in the Navy from 1956 to 1960 before returning home to attend college at the University of New Hampshire. He then attended law school and went on to practice law for over fifty years, litigating numerous pivotal public access cases. Paul was a founding member of the New Hampshire Young Democrats, an organization that has become instrumental in training and electing young, progressive Granite Staters. A dedicated public servant, Paul served as a five term New Hampshire State Representative, Portsmouth City Councilor, legal counselor to Governor Hugh Gallen, and a two-time Democratic gubernatorial nominee. As a leader, Paul never sacrificed his integrity and exemplified the best of what our public officials should strive to be.

Paul was engaged across the full spectrum of public life, serving as President of the New Hampshire Bar Association, Chair of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation, Chair of the Portsmouth Library Board of Trustees, Trustee of the Trust Funds of the City of Portsmouth, and member of the Board of Directors of the USS *Albacore* Museum. He demonstrated an outstanding commitment to his community and is remembered for his courage, conviction, and integrity.

On behalf of all my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I share my gratitude for Paul's decades of devoted public service and offer my condolences to Paul's wife Shaun and their five children. May Paul McEachern's memory be a blessing.

CONGRATULATING TROY BLAND

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Troy Bland with Bland Farms, LLC for being appointed to the USDA Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee. He and 12 others join 12 other members who were re-appointed.

The Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee advises the secretary of agriculture on issues that affect the industry.

Headquartered in Glennville, Georgia, Bland Farms is the largest grower, packer, and shipper of sweet onions in the United States. They represent roughly one quarter of the entire Vidalia sweet onion volume and have the largest controlled-environment storage capacity in the industry. Additionally, Bland Farms was the first company in the industry to market sweet onions year-round.

Troy grew up working the farm with both his father and grandfather and he knew from a very young age that his dream, like his father's, was to carry on the family business. He now serves as Chief Operating Officer, and works alongside his brother, Landis.

His hard work, dedication, and commitment has allowed the family business to thrive. Congratulations, again. I wish Troy the best in his new position.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM HAROLD "SONNY" FLOWERS, JR.

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, last month, Colorado lost one of its most brilliant legal minds, a mentor treasured by generations of lawyers and Coloradans, Mr. William Harold "Sonny" Flowers, Jr.

Sonny was raised in Boulder, Colorado by his mother Ruth and father William Harold, Sr. Since his days as a university student in the 1960's, Sonny was a fierce, vocal advocate for social justice and racial equality. This was a commitment he kept throughout his life by traveling our state to recruit students of color, helping to establish CU Boulder's Black Alumni Association, and creating an endowed scholarship for students of color at both Colorado Law and the University of Denver.

Sonny is remembered not only for his intelligence and commitment to justice, but also his great kindness, radiant laughter, and the kinship he formed with those great many people he encouraged and guided throughout his lifetime. I count myself so lucky to have been among the countless individuals that Sonny supported, and can say with certainty that I would not be where I am today without both the great many paths he forged on my behalf and his caring, devoted mentorship.

Sonny's legacy will be felt by those throughout the Boulder community and the whole of Colorado. I share my deepest condolences with Sonny's wife Pam, his entire family, and all those whom he impacted throughout his lifetime.

Let us remember Sonny by one of the last messages he sent to a friend: "With enough voices, mountains may indeed be moved!"

Sonny certainly moved mountains for each of us, and it is in his honor that we continue to champion the justice and equality for which he dedicated so much.

REMEMBERING M.L. COFFER

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Martin L. "M.L." Coffey, who passed away on June 23 at the age of 83.

M.L. was a lifelong resident of Fleming who loved the Lord, his family, and farming with his whole heart. He was a faithful member of Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, and held several positions. M.L. always served others with such kindness and sincerity everywhere he went.

He met his lovely wife, Beverly Black, in Clarkesville when he attended the North Georgia Trade and Vocational School in Clarkesville on a baseball and basketball scholarship. M.L. worked at Savannah Electric and Power Company for 15 years and retired from Coastal Utilities after 33 years of service.

He was the first President and charter member of the Liberty Coastal Lions Club, First Citizens Bank Board of Directors, Soil and Water Conservation Board, Resource Conservation and Development Board, and Liberty Hunting Club.

M.L. was also Chairman of the Liberty County Commissioners for 16 years and Secretary and Treasury of the Coastal EMC Board of Directors. He owned BevMar Logging and BevMar farms, as well.

He was a fearless leader and a cowboy at heart. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on for countless years to come.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this most difficult time.

RECOGNIZING DARNELL "DEEJAY" JOHNSON AS CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Darnell "DeeJay" Johnson, a community leader, racial justice activist and local high school football coach, as the Constituent of the Month for August. At a time when our country is reeling from racial injustice and seeking to address police brutality, Mr. Johnson and his team marched side by side to speak out against racial injustice.

This past June, DeeJay organized a Black Lives Matter protest for marchers to walk in support of the movement in North County San Diego. During the protest, marchers raised concerns to DeeJay of a young white male in military-style gear carrying a knife and acting uneasy while walking with the group. DeeJay carefully approached the young man, and after